

# Lines From Linda

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## In Good Hands



**F**ollowing hard fought campaigns by some highly qualified candidates, the dog world celebrates the election of recently elected members of our AKC Board of Directors. Meet the members of the team.



### NEWLY ELECTED AKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

These individuals join current sitting Board members.

## ANN WALLIN

CLASS OF 2022

ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB

Representing the Atlanta Kennel Club, Ann was re-elected after being selected by the Board to fill the seat and complete the term of the late Steve Gladstone.

## HAROLD "RED" TATRO

CLASS OF 2022

FORT WORTH KENNEL CLUB

## CHRISTOPHER L. SWEETWOOD

CLASS OF 2022

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB

## RONALD H. MENAKER

CLASS OF 2019

MEMPHIS KENNEL CLUB

As the Delegate for the Memphis Kennel Club, Ron was re-elected as Chairman of the Board of the American Kennel Club.

## THOMAS DAVIES

CLASS OF 2019

SPRINGFIELD KENNEL CLUB

Davies was voted to continue to serve as the Board's Vice Chairman.



Ronald H. Menaker



Ann Wallin



Harold "Red" Tatro



Christopher L. Sweetwood



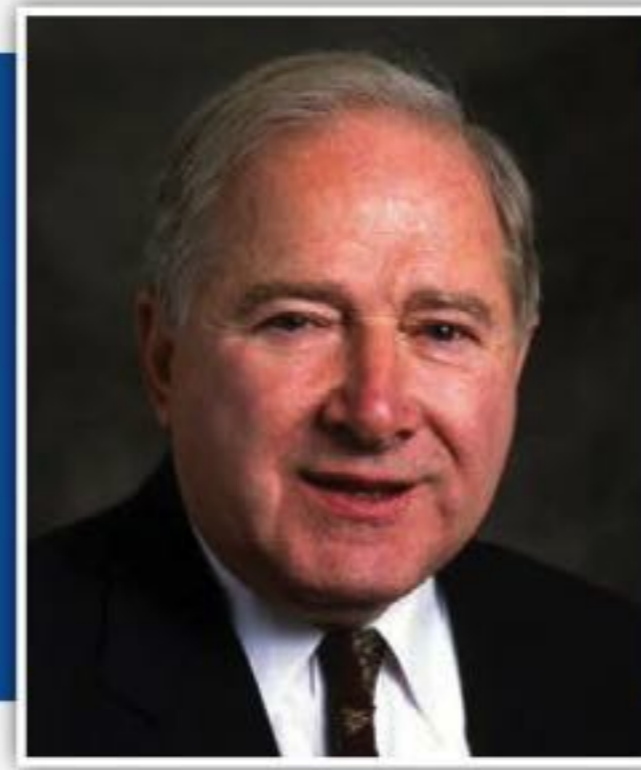
Thomas Davies



Thomas S. Powers



Harvey M. Wooding



Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia



Patricia M. Cruz

CURRENT MEMBERS  
AKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



William J. Feeney

**DR. CARMEN L. BATTAGLIA**

CLASS OF 2019

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA

**PATRICIA M. CRUZ**

CLASS OF 2020

HEART OF THE PLAINS KENNEL CLUB



Karolynne M. McAteer

**WILLIAM J. FEENEY**

CLASS OF 2020

SIR FRANCIS DRAKE KENNEL CLUB

**KAROLYNNE M. McATEER**

CLASS OF 2020

IRISH SETTER CLUB OF AMERICA



Rita J. Biddle

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CLASS OF 2021

INGRAM COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

**DOMINIC P. CAROTA**

CLASS OF 2021

PHARAOH HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA



Dominic P. Carota

**THOMAS S. POWERS**

CLASS OF 2021

KENNEL CLUB OF BEVERLY HILLS

**HARVEY M. WOODING**

CLASS OF 2021

WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB

**AKC EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

AKC Executive Officers are responsible for the daily business operations. They are charged with carrying out the rules, regulations, policies and decisions. As directed by the AKC Board and/or the Delegate Body.

Dennis B. Sprung serves as President and Chief Executive Officer, Gina M. DiNardo is the Executive Secretary and Joseph V. Baffuto, Jr. holds the position of Chief Financial Officer.

**DENNIS B. SPRUNG**  
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**GINA DINARDO**  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**JOSEPH V. BAFFUTO, JR.**  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



Dennis B. Sprung



Gina DiNardo



Joseph V. Baffuto, Jr.



left: Superman Clint Harris visiting with Houston and Toddie Clark at the Louisville Kennel Club Show

Whether your personal favorites were elected or not, the success of our American Kennel Club depends on everyone working together. You personally can have a large role in that success! There is power in positive thinking! A negative attitude has absolutely no value. Do your part to support your club and its activities. Volunteer! Encourage newcomers to enjoy the wide variety of sports available through our great organization!

If you have ideas, suggestions or issues of any kind, our elected officials welcome hearing from you. Complaining on social media accomplishes nothing. Go directly to these leaders who actually have the knowledge and resources and want to assist you. We're in good hands!

FLASH! Looking great as ever, the shining star of the Louisville dog shows was Clint Harris who shows no signs of slowing down following his terrible accident last year. Yay, Clint! ■